

"An Essay on Hasheesh."

An excellent little monograph under the above title has reached us. The author is Victor Robinson, contributing editor to the *Medical Review of Reviews and Pharmaceutical Chemist* of Columbia University. It is rare to find such an entertaining work of this kind emanating from the medical press and so well worthy of perusal. It deals with the Hasheesh from the historical, chemical, botanical, physiological, therapeutic, pharmacological and physiological view points, the latter most interestingly emphasized.—*An Essay on Hasheesh. By Victor Robinson, Contributing Editor, Medical Review of Reviews, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Columbia University, Member of the American Chemical Society, Author of "Pathfinders in Medicine."* *Medical Review of Reviews.* 206 Broadway, New York City. Price 50c. net.

"Handbook on Military Sanitation for Regimental Officers."

Having often been asked by students of his classes to recommend a small book on the subject of Military Sanitation, and failing to find such a book to recommend, Major K. B. Barnett has written the book under review to supply the need. The book deals practically with the subject in seven chapters, including therein: The Definition of Sanitation, etc.; The Cause of Disease; Explanation of Terms; The Chief Preventable Diseases of the Soldier; Water Supplies; Sanitation in Barracks, in Camp, and on the Line of March; The Food of the Soldier, Personal Hygiene, Field Service Sanitary Organization. A scale of diet is given in the appendix and the work is indexed.—*Handbook on Military Sanitation for Regimental Officers. By Major K. B. Barnett, M.B., Royal Army Medical Corps. With an introduction by Lieut.-General Sir Horace L. Smyth-Dorrien.* London, England: Forster, Groom and Co., Ltd., 15 Charing Cross, S.W. Price 2/6.

"The Main Drainage of Towns."

Mr. Taylor intends this work to be a companion to his "Civil Engineering and Practice." He adopts the plan of placing before the reader the successive stages of

a sewage scheme so far as engineering work is concerned, laying special stress upon modern methods of construction in populous districts. The author points out that the rapid growth of towns has repeatedly revealed that forethought would have saved great expense by the adoption of some better designs suited to a prospective increase of area or of population or of both and in this book he seeks to assist engineers in this respect by carefully laying down the principles underlying the art of sanitary engineering.—*The Main Drainage of Towns. By F. Noel Taylor, Civil Engineer, Member of the Institute of Municipal Engineers, Author of "Civil Engineering Practice."* With over 350 illustrations. London, England: Charles Griffin and Company, Limited, Exeter Street, Strand, 1912. Price 12/6 net.

"Time and the Second Generation."

We have been greatly interested in this little work by Dr. Robert J. Ewart, who describes the results of his endeavor to find out whether the characters of a cross, in his own words, say of an ass and a horse with the resultant mule are wholly referable to the unit characters of the sires or grandsires, etc., or whether there is something new which is not directly referable to either. Dr. Ewart derives his data from the community in which he lives, Middlesbrough, a town of a little over 105,000 inhabitants, and having a population originally most cosmopolitan. Dr. Ewart's handling of his subject is unique, and takes into consideration the idea of time as a natural something that actually participates in the change itself just as gravity causes the fall of a heavy body. He remarks that it is curious to note that there is no physical or vital process into which this subtle factor does not enter. He finds, as others have found, and endeavors to elucidate the fact that there is a pertinent connection between the age of the parents at birth and the characterists of the offspring.—*Time and the Second Generation. By Robert J. Ewart, M.D., Assistant Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer, County Borough of Middlesbrough.* London, England: 36-38 Whitefriars Street, E.C. Price 1/- net.